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SUBJECT: LETTER TO VIETNAMESE OFFICIAL

REF: BANGKOK 25776

1. FROM REFTTEL WE NOTE THAT SRV OFFICIAL VU HOANG IS  
ACCOMPANYING PHAM VAN DONG DURING HIS SEPTEMBER 6-10 VISIT  
TO THAILAND.

2. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER TO VU HOANG FROM HA DEP.  
ASST. SECRETARY SIEVERTS, WHICH SHOULD BE PASSED TO VU  
HOANG PERSONALLY IF THAT CAN BE ARRANGED WHILE HE IS IN  
BANGKOK, TO FOLLOW UP ON EARLIER CONTACTS BETWEEN HIM AND  
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CONSUL ANTIPPAS. IF CONTACT TAKES PLACE, ANTIPPAS SHOULD  
INQUIRE ABOUT PROGRESS ON DEPARTURE OF VIETNAMESE FOR  
REUNION WITH RELATIVES IN THE U.S. HE COULD POINT OUT THAT  
EXPECTATIONS ON THIS ARE RUNNING HIGH FOLLOWING ARRIVAL OF  
THE 15 CHILDREN AND THEIR MOTHERS WITH SENATOR KENNEDY'S  
GROUP. WE HOPE THERE WILL BE FURTHER PROGRESS SOON ON THIS  
HUMANITARIAN SUBJECT.

3. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER TO: MR. VU HOANG, DIRECTOR  
OF THE CONSULAR DEPARTMENT AND REPRESENTATIVE OF THE  
S.R.V.N. OFFICE IN CHARGE OF SEEKING INFORMATION ABOUT MIA'S:

I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF AUGUST 9, RESPONDING  
TO MY LETTER OF JULY 27. I AM GLAD YOU BELIEVE AS I DO  
THAT YOUR VISIT TO THE CENTRAL IDENTIFICATION LABORATORY  
AND THE JOINT CASUALTY RESOLUTION CENTER IN HAWAII WAS USE-  
FUL, AND I SHARE YOUR HOPE THAT IT WILL CONTRIBUTE TO  
STEPPING UP MORE EFFECTIVELY THE SEEKING OF INFORMATION  
ABOUT THE MIA'S, AND THE RECOVERY OF REMAINS.

I WAS GLAD TO RECEIVE YOUR CONFIRMATION THAT ALL AMERICAN  
POW'S HAD BEEN RELEASED AFTER THE SIGNING OF THE PARIS  
AGREEMENT, AND THAT ALL AMERICA WHO REMAINED IN SOUTH  
VIETNAM AFTER APRIL 30, 1975 HAD BEEN REPATRIATED TO THE  
U.S. I AM SENDING A COPY OF YOUR LETTER TO THE CONCERNED  
COMMITTEE OF THE CONGRESS, AND TO THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF  
THE MIA FAMILIES, FOR THEIR INFORMATION AND UNDERSTANDING  
OF THIS SUBJECT.

I WANT TO GIVE YOU THE FOLLOWING REPORT ON OUR ANALYSIS OF  
THE REMAINS RETURNED TO REPRESENTATIVE MONTGOMERY'S  
DELEGATION. THE CENTRAL IDENTIFICATION LABORATORY CONFIRMED  
THE IDENTIFICATIONS YOU PROVIDED, WITH THE EXCEPTION THAT  
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FERGUSON, WALTER L., PROVED TO BE THOMAS, ROBERT J., AND  
ONE OF THE UNIDENTIFIED REMAINS PROVED TO BE FERGUSON.  
FERGUSON, THOMAS, AND RISSI, DONALD L., WERE LOST TOGETHER  
IN A B-52 AIRCRASH IN VINH PHU PROVINCE ON 18 DECEMBER 1972.  
COMPARISON OF THE REMAINS WITH OUR DATA ON THESE CREW  
MEMBERS RESULTED IN CONFIRMATION OF THESE IDENTITIES.

THE OTHER UNIDENTIFIED REMAINS PROVED TO BE WEATHERBY, JACK  
W. AND WRIGHT, JAMES J. THESE IDENTIFICATIONS WERE GREATLY  
FACILITATED BY THE INFORMATION YOU PROVIDED ON THE LOCATION  
AND DATA OF THE AIRCRASHES IN WHICH THESE MEN WERE LOST.

ALTHOUGH THE CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION RELEASED THE NAMES  
TO THE PRESS BEFORE IDENTIFICATIONS WERE CONFIRMED AT THE  
CIL, IT IS OUR INTENTION IN THE FUTURE TO RETURN TO OUR  
AGREEMENT THAT THE NAMES WILL NOT BE MADE PUBLIC UNTIL  
IDENTIFICATIONS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED AND THE FAMILIES HAVE  
BEEN INFORMED.

I SEND YOU MY PERSONAL GOOD WISHES,

SINCERELY,

FRANK A. SIEVERTS  
DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND  
HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS  
WASHINGTON, D.C., SEPTEMBER 8, 1978 END TEXT

4. IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ARRANGE MEETING WITH VU HOANG,  
LETTER SHOULD BE DELIVERED TO SRV EMBASSY IN BANGKOK TO BE  
FORWARDED TO HIM.

5. FRENCH TEXT OF LETTER COMING SEPTEL. CHRISTOPHER

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